

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN PERSONNEL IN CAPF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women personnel remain under-represented in the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF);
- (b) if so, the current strength of women personnel and the reasons for their underrepresentation, Force and rank-wise; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to encourage the recruitment of women personnel so as to increase their representation in the Forces along with the achievements thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) The present Force-wise strength of women in Central Armed Police Forces is as below :

Name of Force	Strength of Women
CRPF	5925
CISF	5550
SSB	1175
BSF	2517
ITBP	1057
ARs	471
Total	16695

Force-wise and rank-wise breakup is given in the enclosed statement at Annexure-I.

Hazardous working conditions, difficult isolated places of posting, non availability of accommodation and other facilities in far flung and other isolated areas, staying away from the family, better job opportunities elsewhere could be some of the challenges for women to join forces. However, the representation of women in Central Armed Police Forces has increased over the years.

The details of the steps taken to further increase the representation of women in Central Armed Police Forces are given in the enclosed statement at Annexure-II. The Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women also regularly monitors the status of representation and working conditions of women in Central Armed Police Forces.